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By not thoroughly punishing MS, you are not thoroughly condemning their actions. MS has publicly claimed they haven't done anything wrong. What makes the DOJ think MS won't find other ways to illegally leverage their monopoly? MS has often been humiliated in public by the sloppiness of various aspects of their software. A public slap on the wrist, some fines, and an order to stop the illegal activity that they never should have done in the first place is NOT going to make them change their ways.

If such a weak punishment as the proposed punishment is put in place, what will other companies aspiring to gain monopolies think? Maybe they will think, "all we have to do is gain a monopoly, because once we do, nobody will want to stop using our products, and we'll be so rich that monetary fines won't phase us".

Look at all the things MS has: money, customers, influence, power. They also have responsibilities to the computer industry unlike any other company. MS has thoroughly abused all that they have been given. MS should not be allowed to continue to wield such power over the industry. I don't know how to take away what MS has illegally gained (and hence no longer deserves), but the current settlement does not go far enough.

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"Many that live deserve death. And some that die deserve life. Can you give it to them? Then do not be too eager to deal out death in judgment For even the wise cannot see all ends."

Gandalf